



GREENWOOD COMMON COUNCIL AUGUST 1, 2005 MINUTES

Mayor Charles Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance in unison, after which Tony Gonzalez of New Hope Church offered the invocation.

PRESENT:	Council members Bruce Armstrong, Ron Bates, Bill Bless, Ron Deer, John Gibson, Keith Hardin, Jessie Reed; Mayor Henderson; and Clerk-Treasurer Jeannine Myers. City Attorney Shawna Koons-Davis was not present.
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Mr. Bates moved to approve the minutes of the regular session on July 18th, with second by Mr. Hardin. Vote: Ayes.

Mike Heffner of Express Personnel Services was invited to describe his business (packet in attachments of this meeting). This is a national company, he explained, with his franchise being located in Greenwood at the corner of Madison and Smith Valley. Mr. Heffner described Express as a privately-held corporation started by Bob Funk in 1983. A franchise is in Greenwood, said Mr. Heffner, because of the strong workforce, great schools and its location. Mr. Heffner stressed to the Council that Express is different from most staffing companies in that he takes time to understand the needs of his clients and take the personal approach. They offer continuous training and community events. Express Personnel's vision is to help as many people as possible find good jobs by helping as many clients as possible find good people. There are 500 locations worldwide.

As the City Attorney is on vacation, Mayor Henderson directed Council members to call her office if there are questions concerning her Status of Tasks.

Mr. Bates reported that the Plan Commission last Monday was a training session with two guest speakers who touched on comprehensive planning.

ORDINANCE No. 05-08 – An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory Contiguous to the City of Greenwood, Indiana, Placing the Same Within the Corporate Boundaries Thereof and Making the Same a Part of the City of Greenwood and Redefining the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Greenwood, Indiana, Approximately 10.0 Acres Located on the South Side of Demaree Road and West of Honey Creek Road, and Commonly Known as the Cobblestone, LLC Property. **POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 7, 2005 MEETING FOR FIRST READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.**

ORDINANCE No. 05-10 – An Ordinance to Amend the Texts of Greenwood Common Council Ordinance No. 02-12, Subdivision Control and Land Development, and Greenwood Municipal Code (1993), As Amended, Chapter 10, Article 20, Section 10-504, Subsection 20.05.01 (5); Section 10-506, Subsection 20.07.11; Section 10-511, Subsection 20.11.01; and Section 10-513 Subsections 20.13.01 and 20.13.02, to Allow Commercial Developers to Record Plats Prior to Completion of Infrastructure and to Clarify the Requirement Regarding Developer Installation of Guardrails Near Detention Ponds. Mr. Bates commented that the ordinance would particularly focus on bodies of water near major thoroughfares where developers would install guardrails. Mr. Bates moved to pass Ordinance NO. 05-10 through first reading. Second by Mr. Bless. Vote: Ayes. **PASSED FIRST READING.**

ORDINANCE No. 05-11 – An Ordinance Providing For an Additional Appropriation From the City Court Late Fee Fund to the Greenwood City Court For Use in Contracting for Post-Conviction Services (\$12,000). Mr. Bates moved to pass Ordinance No. 05-11 on first reading. Second by Mr. Hardin. Mayor Henderson opened the public hearing for input from the audience. As no one spoke, the public hearing was closed. Vote: Ayes. **ORDINANCE No. 05-11 PASSED FIRST READING.**

RESOLUTION No. 05-11 – A Resolution of the Greenwood Common Council to Adopt the Written Fiscal Plan for the Annexation of Approximately 10.0 Acres Located on the South Side of Demaree Road, West of Honey Creek Road and South of Woodfield Subdivision, Referencing Annexation Ordinance No. 05-08. Mr. Hardin moved to pass Resolution No. 05-11 through second reading. Second by Mr. Bates. Vote: Ayes. **PASSED SECOND READING.**

ORDINANCE No. 05-09 – An Ordinance Approving the Issuance of Special Taxing District Bonds For the Department of Parks and Recreation of the City of Greenwood, Indiana, In an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,000,000 to Finance the Purchase of Park Land. Mr. Deer moved to pass Ordinance No. 05-09 on second reading. Second by Mr. Bless. Although the public hearing on this issue took place at the Park Board meeting, Mayor Henderson said he would allow three people from the audience to speak on each side of the issue if there are three wanting to speak. Karl Kreck agreed that park land is needed but felt that the bond issue is not right as a Park Impact Fee is in place. Mr. Kreck told the Council that in the last four years his taxes have gone up 26.33%, with 44% of that being local taxes and urged that the Council “give the taxpayers a break”. Ms. Reed pointed out that she understood that the impact fee could not be used for this purpose. Mr. Armstrong added that the impact fee could not be used to correct the current deficiency but only for future deficiencies. According to his data, Greenwood is deficient in park land by 246 acres. Consultant Chuck Lehman agreed with Mr. Armstrong that the impact fee cannot be used to correct current deficiencies. Mr. Kreck turned to the issue of controlled projects, and Sue Beasley of Bingham McHale confirmed that a project under \$2 million is not considered a controlled project. Don Cummings, private citizen and member of the Trails Advisory Board, spoke in favor of the bond issue. He reminded the audience that whatever is borrowed for the bond issue is “spread out over more and more taxpayers” as the City grows. He mentioned that he lives in Mr. Kreck’s neighborhood and his taxes have gone up less percentage-wise than any other expense he has, although he said it is different for different home owners. Mr. Armstrong stated that he understands the need for the land, which was originally identified for a water park, although the purchase of land is the main concern now. He added that once it has been said that the land would be used for a specific purpose, there is a feeling among the public that is what the land will be used for. Mr. Armstrong indicated that he has had calls from constituents who are concerned that everything about the purchase be made known to the public. He wanted the decision about what goes on the land to be made in a very timely manner. Mr. Deer commented that he feels the Park Board has been extremely open in revealing their plans; they have admitted that strategically it was not a good idea to put two projects on the Board when the seller had time constraints. The aquatic center facility task force has decided to slow down, said Mr. Deer, and not take the hurried approach; they have still not reached a consensus on what sort of facility might be built. Mr. Deer is a member of the committee and told the Council that there are members of the public on the committee and on the steering board. He took offense that people might think something was being hidden; he said everything is on the table and available for public review. The Park Board will not reconvene the committee, said Mr. Deer, until the land issue is over before they even study the options – during which there will probably be six months to a year for public input. Mr. Deer told the Council he is “disgusted” when he attends public meetings where only two or three are there. Mr. Gibson described the purchase as a great deal after a cost and comparison. Vote: Ayes – Deer, Gibson, Reed, Armstrong, Bless; Nays – Hardin, Bates. **PASSED SECOND READING.**

ORDINANCE No. 05-12 – An Ordinance Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Greenwood, Indiana For the Year 2006. Mayor Henderson indicated that there are adjustments to the 3.3% increase and if there are changes to those, he requested that those motions be made at first reading to help the Clerk-Treasurer’s office and the City Attorney instead of waiting until the last vote. **INTRODUCED.**

Under miscellaneous business, Mr. Gibson gave an update on the work in Northern Park and commented that it seems they are on schedule.

Mr. Armstrong asked when construction would begin on the turn lane from Emerson onto Main Street. The utilities have been relocated, noted Director of Operations Norm Gabehart. Mayor Henderson said at the next meeting he would have numbers to give the Council and approximate dates.

Ms. Myers had distributed the 2006 budget calendar. In response to Mr. Deer, Mr. Armstrong said that any changes should be made at first reading at the September 7th meeting.

Concerning the compliance request for Patillo Industrial Partners, LLC, Block 9, Lot 9A, Mr. Bates moved to find them in substantial compliance. Second by Mr. Hardin. Vote: Ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Henderson recounted that the Parks Department has been given a \$1 million trail grant and have a meeting scheduled for Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. between the Park Board and the consultants on how to get the money in-house. This grant is for the Tracy Ditch Trails to tie into Smith Valley Road then cross U.S. Highway 31.

Mr. Deer addressed the issue of requests to lower speed limits in subdivisions. The consistent thing he has found in those requests is that there are very few speed limit signs in the subdivisions. Planning Director Ed Ferguson commented that normally during the redevelopment review process staff looks at stop signs and yield signs. He said that speed limit signs are supposed to go through the Council. In response to the Mayor, Mr. Ferguson said they may have to amend the ordinance but speed limit signs could be added to the developer's responsibility. The Mayor directed him to begin working on that issue.

Budgets were next presented as follows:

Redevelopment Commission	by Lee Money, President
Economic Development Commission	by Jerry McKinney, President
Board of Aviation Commissioners	by Bill Jackson, President
Police Merit Commission	(no presenter) – same as 2005
Police Pension	by Police Chief Joe Pitcher
Common Council	by President Bruce Armstrong

In response to Mr. Hardin, Mayor Henderson said he would get worksheets to everyone within a week.

Discussion moved to a memo from the Metropolitan Planning Organization. They are requesting first, \$9,134, to assist with the work program funding – the development of transportation 20 years in advance. The second request is to assist with the Northeast Rapid Transit Corridor Land Use Study in the amount of \$1,121. A study to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Northeast Rapid Transit Corridor was next. The request was for \$9,529. All requests were based on the 2000 census population, with Greenwood's share of each request 2.80%. (Memo is in attachments of this meeting). The suggested per capita total, noted Mr. Armstrong, is \$19,784. Mr. Hardin first suggested not cutting the professional services quite so drastically, from \$50,000 to \$30,000. He also suggested \$1,000 for office supplies. Mayor Henderson suggested researching the MPO request out of Cum Cap Funds. The Clerk-Treasurer will look into this.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.